



# Qatar Academy Sidra



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

There are a lot of upcoming events in the Secondary School as we head into the summer break. Hopefully the information below will help you all to plan accordingly.

### Assessments:

There is the final assessment and exam week for all the timetabled classes that students attend. It is important that all students are in school this week as final grades for these classes are being awarded. It is not possible to re-sit or reschedule these assessments and examinations.

For grades 6-8 these assessments will take place in the classes they usually attend.

For grades 9 and 10 a special examination schedule will be in operation.

Students must be in school for examinations. Again, these exams cannot be rescheduled, if students are late then they may not be admitted to the exam, and the final course grade could be impacted.

For students in Grade 11, classes continue as normal.

### IDU:

All students in the MYP are required to take part in an Interdisciplinary Unit (IDU) every year.

This is an additional course and as part of the MYP it is mandatory and the grade for this class is recorded. Students in Grade 6-8 will be undertaking their IDU during the last few weeks of the year. The normal schedule will be collapsed to allow them to work in cross curricular areas and with students in other classes within the grade level. This class will be assessed throughout the week, so it is important that students attend every day.

For students in Grade 9 the focus will be split between an IDU that has been set by the IB MYP, with an on-screen assessment at the end of the week, and the Personal Project. The IDU will be taught in the same style as the

## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming Diary Dates:

**April 28-May 18**

DP Exams and MYP  
Exams

**May 10th**

Final Assembly and  
certificates of  
recognition.

**May 11th**

Graduation at QNCC  
From 4:00pm  
Please collect tickets from  
the Secondary Office.

**May 16th (TBC)**

Ramadan Timings

**Week beginning May  
26th**

Report Cards Issues

**May 31st**

Last Day of school

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as the Grade 10 examinable component, with discussion groups and seminars. This will help to prepare the Grade 9s for the more in depth unit they will be required to compete in Grade 10 as part of the IB MYP certificate. Grade 9 will also be working their Personal Project and making plans to meet with their mentors.

For students in Grade 10 there will be Pre-DP classes running. This is a chance to make a start on DP courses before the summer, and make sure students have all the required notes, summer reading and texts ready to start. Having done this preparation students will be in a good place to maximise learning when they return in August.

For Grade 11 students there will be exam week. A special examination schedule will be in operation. Students must be in school for examinations, but they are welcome to study at home if they are not sitting an exam.

Therefore if they have an exam in a morning session but not the afternoon, they are able to leave at early, and if a student has an exam in the afternoon but not the morning, they do not need to arrive at school until 30 minutes before the exam. Again, these exams cannot be rescheduled, if students are late then they may not be admitted to the exam, and the final course grade could be impacted.

#### **Week beginning May 26th:**

A normal timetable will be back in operation. This will enable students to see teachers for a final time, to receive feedback from assessments and exams, to reflect on targets and to be fully prepared for the summer. If you would like to discuss student progress or grades, this is the time to make appointments with teachers and come into school for final conferences.

Report cards will also be issued this week.

Once Ramadan starts QAS will be running classes from 8:00am-1:00pm and we will be operating on a Ramadan schedule. Your child will be given a copy of the class timings by their homeroom teacher.

#### **QAS Secondary School**

Time	Period
8:00-8:10	Home Room
8:15-8:55	Period 1
9:00-9:40	Period 2
9:45-10:25	Period 3
10:25-10:50	Break
10:50-11:30	Period 4
11:35-12:15	Period 5
12:20-1:00	Period 6

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